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## CANDIDATES SPOKE IN GREENVILLE

### Spoke Before Mill Voters At Brandon Mills

### ALL THREE GIVEN RESPECTFUL HEARING

Congressman Johnson Tells Cotton Mill Voters That They Haven't Received What They Have Been Promised by other Politicians. Sam Nicholls Tells What He will do. Duncan Knocks Johnson.

(Greenville News, Sunday.)

Thk inclement weather failed to dampen the spirits of the 400 people who yesterday afternoon listened to the three congressional candidates as they outlined their platforms in a little grove at Whitmire, the stop on the car line just this side of the Brandon mills, for loud cheering greeted the efforts of all three speakers and each acquitted himself with more than passing praise for the conditions under which they spoke is to be considered.

The incumbent, Congressman J. T. Johnson, opened the argument by outlining his record in congress. Mr. Johnson showed the part he had played in the currency reform movement and stated that but for him congress might have adjourned without passing the currency reform bill. He stated that the ideas as outlined by himself, were given out by President Wilson and published in a Washington paper, May 31, 1913.

Mr. Johnson stated that he did not seek newspaper notoriety. "I do not advertise," he stated. "If advertised half as much as I work, the newspapers would be full of my doings every day," he declared.

Mr. Johnson showed how he studied the cotton situation during the past year or so and when money was needed, he declared that Secretary McAdoo called him into conference. He showed how he was one of the very few men that was asked to appear before McAdoo and that his ideas as given to the Secretary of the Treasury were carried out, with the result that many millions of dollars were loaned to the banks of the south and a panic was thus avoided.

Mr. Johnson said that he felt pride in the fact that he was called upon to advise Mr. McAdoo. He declared it was a credit to the Fourth District more than to himself for it showed that this district was discriminating in its choice of representatives. He stated that for 20 years he had prepared for just the emergency that arose and that he was proud he was called in at that time.

Mr. Johnson read a letter from President Wilson, in which the highest praise was accorded to the speaker by President Wilson. The letter was in reply to a communication that had been mailed to Mr. Johnson from a constituent in this district and was sent out from some northern city. It asked the constituent to write the congressman and ask him to use his influence to adjourn congress, it would also have the constituent to write to other big men in Washington with the end in view that congress be adjourned as soon as possible. As outlined by Mr. Johnson, there was a certain clerk of crooked business men who wanted congress to adjourn before legislation was carried out and which was a part of the pledges of the Democratic party. Mr. Johnson mailed the whole communication to President Wilson and received the highest praise from the chief executive for uncovering a plot to circumvent the party.

"We want to put some wholesome laws on the books," said Mr. Johnson, "before we adjourn."

Here Mr. Johnson read the letter from President Wilson and this will be found on the front page of the News in today's issue.

"A congressman should represent the highest ideals of his community," said Mr. Johnson, "and I have tried to do this. Your congressman is a friend of the President of the United States and of the other leaders of this government. I have not heard anything said against me in the district yet, and they can't say anything against me that will hurt me and tell the truth. I can look any man in the face for my record is clean. I may make mistakes, I am not in-

## "ALL ABOARD FOR CHAWSTON."

C. & W. C. will Operate Cheap Excursion on July 14, to the City by the Sea.

For only \$3.00 round trip you can enjoy the various and sundry sights of Charleston on next Tuesday and Wednesday July 14 and 15. On the 14th the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad will operate an "excursion" to Charleston by the way of Augusta, from Spartanburg. Laurens, Greenwood and points along the way. The excursion train will leave Spartanburg Monday morning at 6.30 A. M. and will pass Laurens at 8:10. The train will return Wednesday, July 15th, leaving Charleston at 9.00 o'clock at night.

The following is the schedule of leaving time:

Spartanburg, 6.30; Roebuck, 6.47; Moore, 6.56; Switzer, 7.06; Woodruff, 7.19; Enoree, 7.35; Lanford, 7.40; Ora, 7.47; Laurens 8.10; Waterloo, 8.40; Coronado, 8.56; Greenwood, 9.15; arrive Charleston about 5.00 p. m.

fallible but I am honest. No man can point to anything in my life that is not clean and straight and honorable. When I lay down the commission that you have honored me with, my record will be as clean as when you first gave it to me."

The speaker talked for several minutes with regard to appointments to civil service offices, showing that one must stand the examination and get one's name upon the lists before he can be of any aid. "I am in a position to help you when you get your name on the lists," said Mr. Johnson. "I have never promised a man an office yet to get his vote, and I never intend to. I am the friend of every man. I love every man. I help a man, not because he is a farmer or because he is a cotton mill man, but because he is my fellow man. I wish those who do not understand, could know how a man acts who is actuated by the love of his fellow man. They say that I am on no important committees, why I am the man who makes up the lists of the department at Washington, all the salaries are made up by me, a bill carrying \$27,000,000 was written by me. The man who makes all the appointments, the appointment clerk, secured his position through my efforts, James E. Harper, of Greenville. Why, there was a lawyer from Montana who was trying for the position and two senators and nine congressmen went to get the position for him. I never asked anyone to assist me; but I landed the job for Mr. Harper, so of course I have some influence with him."

Great applause was given the speaker at this juncture.

Congressman Johnson told of securing a position for a Winthrop college girl, who had secured a "kitchen" scholarship and which means that she had to work her way through college.

"I helped her to get a \$300 dollar job," he said "and I am willing to help any man or woman who needs it."

He told of helping a number of people, some of whom were known to the crowd present and finished his remarks by saying:

"If you cotton mill people had received everything that has been promised you, by the politicians, you would live in marble palaces."

He received loud and continued applause at the conclusion of his remarks.

Sam J. Nicholls, of Spartanburg, followed Mr. Johnson and he seemed to be the favorite of the meeting for he received loud applause when he mounted the platform and frequent cries of "Nicholls! Nicholls!"

Mr. Nicholls started off with fierce "roasts" of the newspapers and stated that they all were out of harmony with things, especially political. He accused the newspapers of reviling Gov. Blease when even if Blease was all they said he was, the fact ought not to have been advertised to the public outside the State.

He attacked the new primary laws and showed how the new law was aimed at the cotton mill men because one has to live in the county six months prior to voting and he stated that cotton mill men move about more than any other people on earth, hence many would be deprived of their vote by the new rules.

He attacked the mill presidents of Spartanburg, saying that he did not

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MET LAST MONDAY

Assessments Decided Upon for County Candidates.

The county executive committee met in the court house Monday morning in accordance with the rules of the party. County Chairman Irby being absent, Geo. A. Browning, Jr., of Goldville, was made temporary chairman. About fifteen committeemen were present.

The matter of candidates' assessments was the first business taken up. It was decided that candidates for four year term offices should be assessed twice as much as candidates for two year term offices and that the minimum assessment would be five dollars. Under this resolution, two year term candidates will be assessed five dollars and four year term candidates ten dollars.

R. E. Babb, Esq., and W. T. Crews were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the senatorial and state campaign meetings which are to be held on July 22nd and August 13th respectively. If arrangements can be made as in the past, the meetings will be held at Holmes spring.

The secretary of the committee, W. T. Crews, was authorized to arrange the county campaign itinerary approximately the same as it was two years ago. The following is the itinerary as arranged by Mr. Crews:

Laurens, Monday, August 10.  
Laurens Mills, Monday night, August 10.

Langston, Tuesday, August 11.  
Sardis, Wednesday, August 12.  
Clinton Mills, Wednesday night, August 12.

Thursday, August 13, state campaign day.

Clinton, Friday, August 14.  
Lydia Mills, Friday night, August 14.

Hopewell, Saturday, August 15.  
Goldville, Saturday night, August 15.

Cross Hill, Monday, August 17.  
Elkon, Tuesday, August 18.

Tumbling Shoals, Wednesday, August 19.  
Dials, Thursday, August 20.

Youngs, Friday, August 21.  
Watts Mills, Friday night, August 21.

Dividends Paid Out.

July First the Time for Handing Out to Stockholders a Little on the Side.

A good pile of coin was turned loose in Laurens on July 1st, this being the time for the semi-annual payment of dividends by the banks, cotton mills and other corporations. The following is a list of the Laurens concerns that handed out checks to the stockholders:

Laurens cotton mill, 3 per cent on \$250,000—\$19,500.

Peoples Loan & Exchange Bank, 8 per cent on \$100,000—\$8,000.

Enterprise bank, 4 per cent on \$100,000—\$4,000.

Bank of Laurens, 4 per cent on \$50,000—\$2,000.

Palmetto bank, 4 per cent on \$50,000—\$2,000.

Laurens Trust Co., 4 per cent on \$17,500—\$1,396.

Laurens Bonded Ware House Co., 8 per cent annual.

Located in Charlotte.

Mr. J. Calhoun McGowan, who has been associated with his father here as an attorney, has accepted a position with the law firm of Osborn, Locke and Robertson in Charlotte and left last week for his new home. Mr. McGowan will be engaged primarily in the legal department of the Piedmont and Northern Railway Co. He graduated in law at the University of South Carolina, and is a young man of exceptionally fine talents.

Woodmen Picnic in Youngs Township.

There will be a picnic given by the Woodmen of the World at Friendship church in Youngs township on the first Saturday in August—August 1st. The committee in charge is now arranging to have several prominent speakers to address the audience on the day of the picnic. The public is cordially invited to come and requested to bring well-filled baskets.

S. J. Nicholls to Speak.

S. J. Nicholls, candidate for congress, will speak at Hickory Tavern Saturday night, beginning at 8:00 o'clock.

## STATE CANDIDATES AT BENNETTSVILLE

Bennettsville, July 1.—John G. Clinkscales was given an ovation here today by the 1,200 Marlboro county people who heard the candidates for State offices. Many ladies were in the audience. Perfect order prevailed and each candidate was given good attention and applause. It was a Clinkscales crowd, and the ovation given him was the feature of the meeting. It was also very plain that the audience was overwhelmingly anti-Blease in sentiment.

A. G. Brice, for Attorney General, said the record of his opponent, Attorney General Peoples, was one of "masterly inactivity." He also declared that he never had voted for Cole L. Blease and was not a supporter of the present state administration.

The sentiment here appears to be strong for compulsory education. The crowd waited patiently for several hours and practically all were present when Mr. Clinkscales, the last speaker, made his address favoring compulsory education.

Law enforcement and curtailment of the pardoning power were applauded by the people when they were voiced by R. A. Cooper, M. L. Smith and R. I. Manning. Charles A. Smith also received applause on his condemnation of lawlessness. The candidates speak tomorrow at Chesterfield.

Under the spreading branches of oaks on the court house lawn the candidates for state offices addressed the Marlboro county people here today. County Chairman D. D. McColl presided, and the Rev. Peter Stokes offered prayer. Mr. McColl welcomed the candidates to Marlboro county.

Attorney General Thos. H. Peoples, for re-election, told how he had conducted his office economically and asked for re-election on his record.

A. G. Brice, candidate for Attorney General, congratulated Marlboro county on its richness and resources. "His record is one of masterly inactivity," said Mr. Brice, referring to Attorney General Peoples. He said a man's personal record had something to do with his office and if a man went down to Charleston and attended the races, where bookmaking and gambling was going on his hands were tied to some extent. He stated that he was not a supporter of the present state administration and had never voted for Governor Blease. He said the record of convictions belong to the solicitors and not to General Peoples; that as far as he knew Mr. Peoples had not appeared in court in a single one of the cases.

James A. Summersett began his speech for comptroller general by reading a reply to a statement said by L. D. Jennings in his speech at Winnsboro, in which Mr. Jennings raked those responsible for the attack on Dr. Eleanora B. Saunders and Dr. Babcock, resulting in the investigation Mr. Summersett said he was not a member of the board of regents at the time and termed Mayor Jennings's references as "a wilful perversion of the record."

He read the statement, which he requested be published in justice and fairness to him. He said:

"I see by the newspaper that Mr. Jennings, candidate for United States senator, at Winnsboro on Monday went out of his way to attack me for not voting upon the investigation of Dr. Eleanora B. Saunders. Mr. Jennings well knows the record shows that I was not a member of the board of regents during the investigation. I knew nothing of the merits of the case, having only received my appointment after its conclusion and could not vote upon a matter of which I was ignorant. The conclusion is irresistible, therefore, that Mr. Jennings' effort to embarrass my race is due to the fact that I am the friend and appointee on the board of Governor Blease, and is a wilful perversion of the record. No human being has ever lived who can truthfully construe any act of mine as a reflection on the good name of any woman. His wish for my defeat is as impotent as it is gratuitous."

Co. officer General A. W. Jones pressed his claims for re-election, telling of how the office was the business office of the government.

Adjutant General W. W. Moore and M. C. Willis, his opponent, came next. C. D. Fortner, F. W. Shealey, J. H. Wharton, W. L. Witherspoon and G. W. Fairley presented their claims for

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## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Will Convene for the Summer Term on July 13. List of Jurors.

Next week will be court week in Laurens. The regular summer term of the court of common pleas will convene next Monday morning with Judge Gary presiding. The list of jurors for that week is as follows:

Laurens—T. E. Babb, J. M. Hunter, Douglas Barnett, A. F. Martin, W. A. Moore.

Dials—T. M. Kellett, J. B. Childress, Paul Babb, J. E. Wham, S. M. Ball, Rapley W. Willis, W. P. Owens, H. R. Farrow.

Youngs—A. J. Owens, L. M. Higgins, R. R. Barnett, J. P. Goodwin.

Scuffletown—L. S. McChray.

Jacks—B. F. Copeland.

Hunter—A. B. Henry, B. R. Fuller, E. M. Sligh, C. W. Stone.

Cross Hill—T. M. Pinson, E. P. Pinson.

Waterloo—T. M. Shaw, W. H. Williams, N. E. Cooper, C. C. Caldwell.

Sullivan—A. H. Pitts, A. J. Davis, J. E. Roper, W. H. Ballentine, T. T. Wood, J. M. Sumerel, J. H. Wasson.

Heavy Hail Storm.

Monday night much damage was done to the crops over a part of Laurens county with a heavy hail storm. Messrs. E. B. Bolt and W. S. Reid from near Woodrow Wilson school report a heavy hail in their section and brought some exceedingly good proof in the way of cotton and corn stalks that had been literally torn to pieces by the heavy storm.

There was also great damage done around Madden station. Mrs. Wofford was in the city Tuesday and stated that the cotton and corn in that section had been badly beaten. The hail seemed to have reached the outskirts of the city but was very light here. Mr. J. J. Dendy reports heavy damage to his crop. Mr. Elmore Bramlett also states that his crop was almost ruined.

Sheriff's Sale Monday.

Very little property changed hands Monday, which was salesday. Three small tracts of land, sold under tax executions, represented the total sales of the day. A small lot on Washington street this city, belonging to Geo. Puckett, was bid in by N. B. Dial for \$18. Another small lot on "Rich Hill" belonging to G. F. Hunter, was bought by J. E. Tolbert for \$75. Ninety five acres belonging to the John Crawford estate, in the lower part of the county, was bought by T. S. Crawford for \$465.00.

Capt. Wallace Promoted.

Capt. W. A. Wallace, a native of Laurens has recently been promoted from conductor to traveling passenger agent of the Charleston & Western Carolina railway, with headquarters in Augusta. Capt. Wallace has been with this road a number of years and his efficient service brought for him this deserved promotion. Capt. Wallace was in the city yesterday making final arrangements for the big excursion to Charleston on the 14th.

New Candidates This Week.

Five new candidates for two offices are making their first announcement in this week's issue of the Advertiser. Mr. George Hopkins puts his banner in the ring for Magistrate of Laurens township and messrs J. T. Todd, L. Dunk Curry, S. C. Farrer and R. M. Parsons enter the race for county commissioner.

For Cotton Weigher at Waterloo.

Mr. J. Preston Smith was in the city last Friday having come up from Waterloo to spend the day on business. Mr. Smith stated while here that he had announced his candidacy for the office of cotton weigher at Waterloo. He is a most capable young man and would no doubt make an excellent cotton weigher.

City Enrollment 385.

Three hundred and eighty five voters had registered on the city club roll up to yesterday at 12 o'clock. This club takes in all of the city except ward 3, in which Laurens Cotton Mills is located, and all of Laurens township except Watts Mills and a section of the township around the mill.

County Officers Better.

Sheriff Owings, who has been sick for several weeks, has so far recovered as to be able to sit up in his chair. He is being treated at the Julia Irby sanitarium. Supervisor Humbert, who has been indisposed for several days, has returned to his official duties.

## INTERESING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

### News Letters From Many Sections.

### CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People all over the County and to Those who have Left the Family Hearthstone and gone to other States.

Cross Hill, July 6.—All business is suspended today and the people are observing this as a holiday instead of Saturday, the 4th. Some are off on pleasure trips, other are using the day for rest.

The only sport we have heard of on the Glorious Fourth was an interesting fox chase over on Saluda river early Saturday morning. Messrs. Wharton, Hill, Davenport, Watts, and a number of others, with a good pack of thirty dogs, enjoyed two thrilling races. One was a good running grey whose trail was struck fresh and warm just after the turn of the night. Just as the eager hounds were ready to take in their victim they were called off by the hunters who wished to save him for another time. The other was a cunning red web had been prepared for the occasion and was turned loose early in the morning. Twenty five minutes of beautiful running and Mr. Red was in the clutches of his howling pursuers. These races were enjoyed by quite a number of sportsmen.

Three more automobiles have been purchased here in the last few days, all Fords. Mr. T. M. Pinson exchanged his old for a new one, and Messrs J. E. Leaman and James Coleman purchased one each. Others have a growing inclination towards such a convenience which may result in an investment.

Mrs. Mary Bradley and children of Jackson, Ga., are here for two weeks' visit to Mrs. Bradley's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Boyce.

Mrs. Annetie Kirk and little son of Jacksonville, Fla., are spending some time with parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Wharton.

Mrs. C. D. Nance, who has been in Charlotte for treatment returned home last week much improved. It is pleasant information to her many friends that she is still improving and will soon be well again.

Dr. H. H. Kerrison left Sunday for a few days' visit to his uncle, Dr. Rust Kerrison, of Camden.

Mr. Marvin Anderson of Calhoun Falls was here Saturday mingling with many friends.

Mrs. Joe Simmons of Greenwood is visiting Mr. J. W. Simmons' family.

Late Saturday afternoon a company of young men left here for a trip to Hendersonville, Chick Springs and other places of note. In the number were Messrs Luther Watkins, Chaud Hipp, Charles Pinson, Weldon Leaman, and Henry Boyce. They are traveling in a car and expect to return some time today.

The death of Mr. John Smith early last week was sorrowful news to this section of the county. Only a little more than four months before his wife had died. Within a few months nine children, four sons and five daughters, are left fatherless and motherless. Much sympathy goes out for the bereaved children. Mr. Smith was a quiet unassuming man, a good citizen, and member of the Baptist church. He was 51 years of age. His fatherly care will be greatly missed in the home and a vacancy will be felt in the community in which he lived.

Shiloh, July 6.—We are glad to chronicle Jonah here, in the belly of the whale. He is becoming very constant. Hope they will rain would King Solo soppy. E land co high. If ne We of t